

ABSTRACT

"A Surgical Forceps"

5 **(Fig. 1)**

10 A surgical forceps has blades of arcuate shape and handles which are urged apart by springs on a guide blade which mounts the blades by a pivot joint. The guide blade projects below the blades. Gripping means formed by bifurcated arms on the guide blade will, when moved apart, grip an intercostal drain tube between grippers. The forceps carrying an intercostal drain tube, can be inserted between a patients ribs and the handles are then moved towards each other to splay the blades apart to provide a channel for the insertion of a tube. The guide blade may also be mounted between the blades.

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